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Sunday 27th December 2020

**The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph**

This Week's Feasts:

- Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
- Monday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs.
- Friday: Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
- Saturday: Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church.
- Sunday 3rd January: 2nd Sunday of Christmas.

St. Stephen's Day Restrictions in Northern Ireland:

- Face Coverings are mandatory in church.
- Attendance at Sunday and weekday Masses is subject to the size and seating capacity of the church.
- Funerals: No more than 25 people present, including the priest, sacristan and singers. No pre or post-funeral gatherings, not even wakes.
- Baptisms can go ahead – no more than 15 in attendance.

**Masses & Intentions in St. Tierney's for
the Coming Week:**

Sun 27th Dec: 10.30a.m. Charlie & Mary
Murray, Dernawilt East
Susannagh Beagan, Church Street

9.30a.m. Mass Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs

Tues 29th Dec: 9.30a.m: Mary O'Donoghue,
nee Boyle, Birmingham & formerly
Roslea.

Wed 30th Dec: 9.30a.m: Brigid & John, and the
d'd of the Murray Family, Knockavea

Fri 1st Jan: 7pm: Sadie & Vincent Donaghy,
Ashvale Ave.
Seamus (1st Ann.) & Maureen McMahon,
Bundoran.

Sun 3rd Jan: 10.30a.m: James, Hugh & Mary
Beggan, Derrygannon

Fr. Chester will be available in St. Tierney's Church after Sunday 10.30a.m Mass for anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion.

Current Level 5 Covid-19 restrictions in the Republic of Ireland do not allow Masses in public. Restrictions will be reviewed on January 12th. **Therefore no Masses in St. Mary's Church, Magherarney at least until after the 12th January review.**

**St. Mary's Church is open for private
worship throughout Level 5 restrictions.**

Intentions for the 6pm Vigil Mass of 2nd January in St. Mary's Church are postponed.

Mgr. Vincent Connolly will be available in St. Mary's Church for anyone wishing to receive Holy Communion each Sunday from 10.00a.m to 10.30a.m.

Funerals in the Republic of Ireland: No more than 10 mourners may attend. This applies to committals and burials.

Recently Deceased: Your prayers are asked for the souls of Maureen Rooney, Drummerheave., and Johnny McQuaid, Moybridge, Emyvale, brother of Canon Macartan McQuaid.

A Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and Every Good Wish for 2021. 2020 will be a year many will wish to forget on account of the restrictions caused by the Corona Virus. All weddings for 2020 in the Parish of Roslea were postponed to 2021 and beyond. Monsignor Vincent and I wish to thank you for your support and kind wishes throughout the past 10 months. We also wish to pay tribute to the ushers whose generosity of time and effort made it possible for the two churches to operate since early July when they opened up for public worship. Thanks to all who participated in the Masses of the Christmas Season: Sacristans, ushers, organists, cantors, ministers of the word and special ministers of the Eucharist. May 2021 see the tide turn for the better!!

2021 Parish Envelopes: Thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of the parish by envelopes or standing order or by donation. Please contact the parish if you are new to the parish and wish to be added to the envelope/standing order list. **Have you considered the Gift Aid/Tax Relief Scheme?** If you are a UK taxpayer, paying Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax or a RoI

taxpayer, paying PAYE of Self-Assessed Income Tax please consider signing the card in the box of 2021 parish envelopes to request a Gift Aid Declaration or a CHY3 Enduring Certificate. The Parish can reclaim a refund of the tax you paid on the donations you make, making your gift worth even more to the parish. Please also keep the parish informed of any change of address or contact details.

Fr. John Cullen, editor of the Intercom in his December editorial states: “Christmas gives us a story that tells us something wonderful and surprising! God does not swoop into our lives like a celebrity personality. God does not devise a master plan of slick strategy. God quietly tip-toes into each one’s bedlam of Bethlehem as a baby. *In fans* is the Latin for *infant*. It literally means *speechless*. Imagine God’s Word is rendered silent in the Christmas story....The Christmas story has started a *revolution of tenderness*, to use a phrase from the writings of Pope Francis. Nothing will ever be the same again.”

Patris Corde (With a Father’s Heart) & Year of St. Joseph 08.12.20 – 08.12.21. Pope Francis’ recently published Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* proclaimed a *Year of St Joseph*, to conclude on 8 December 2021. The letter is accessible via this link: Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* of the Holy Father Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church (8 December 2020) Francis (vatican.va)

Pope Francis on St. Joseph: “*I have a great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table I have an image of Saint Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church.*” (i.e the People of God).

Prayer to St. Joseph taken from the Holy Father’s Apostolic Letter entitled ‘With a Father’s Heart’

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Roslea Shamrocks Lotto: There was no winner of the Cairde Seamroga Ros Liath lotto jackpot on Sunday 20th December. The numbers drawn were 4, 5, 13 & 22. Next draw is for £6,400. Thank you for your ongoing support during these trying times.

Éire Óg Lotto Lotto: Winning numbers: 7, 14, 25, 26. There was no winner of this week’s jackpot. Next jackpot is €9000. To enter, download the Clubforce app and follow EireOgNaMullai or play using the paper envelopes.

Gospel for the Feast of the Holy Family, Year B:

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord — observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord — and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel’s comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’

As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected — and a sword will pierce your own soul too — so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.